

## House Business Affairs & Labor Committee Information

**Meeting times and locations.** The House Business Affairs & Labor Committee meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. It also meets on Wednesday mornings upon adjournment of the full House. The committee's designated meeting room is House Committee Room (HCR) 0112. Occasionally, the committee meets in a different room to accommodate larger crowds or the needs of other committees. Changes to the committee's regular schedule are generally announced on the House floor prior to adjournment.

**Committee hearings.** Committee meetings are broadcast over the Internet. Interested persons who are not able to attend a meeting in person can listen live over the internet. To access the live and archived feeds, visit:

<https://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00327/Harmony/en/View/UpcomingEvents/20230117/25>

**Joint meetings with the Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee.** The joint rules of the House and Senate require the Senate Business, Labor, & Technology and House Business Affairs & Labor Committees to stay advised of the activities, functions, and budgets of the Department of Labor and Employment, The Department of Regulatory Agencies, The Department of Personnel and Administration, and the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade. The House Business Affairs & Labor Committee meets jointly with the Senate Business, Labor, & Technology Committee to receive briefings from the departments annually. If needed, the committees may also meet to receive briefings on other policy issues by staff, state agencies, or other stakeholder groups, or with the Joint Budget Committee. Joint meetings are held as needed.

**Testifying before the committee.** Individuals who wish to testify before committees are asked to sign-up prior to the start of the meeting or before a bill is debated by the committee. Individuals should sign up prior to a bill hearing on the General Assembly website here:

<https://leg.colorado.gov/testimony>

Individuals will also have the opportunity to sign up in person the day of a hearing once the committee meeting has started.

The chair of the committee is responsible for overseeing public testimony and will recognize those on the sign-up sheets in an order most conducive to the business before the committee. With rare exception, everyone who is signed up will be called to testify. Because the meetings are taped and broadcast over the internet, individuals who are testifying are asked to wait to be recognized by the chair prior to beginning their testimony. The appropriate manner to address the committee chair is "Madam Chair." The appropriate manner to address committee members is "Representative."

Once witnesses have been recognized by the chair, they may begin their testimony by giving their name and the organization they represent, if any. Witnesses will be given 3 minutes to testify on a bill. Committees are subject to tight deadlines and busy schedules. As a courtesy to the legislative members as well as those in the audience waiting to testify, witnesses are asked to keep their testimony brief and relevant to the bill. Please do not repeat testimony that may have already been provided to the committee.

Witnesses are asked to observe professional decorum during the committee meetings. Clapping, booing, hissing, or otherwise disruptive behavior is not permitted. In addition, witnesses are asked to avoid any personal attacks or other emotional outbursts. Finally, all individuals present in the committee room are asked to silence all cell phones and electronic devices prior to the start of the meeting.

***Committee staff.*** The Legislative Council Staff person for the House Business Affairs & Labor Committee is Dan Graeve, who is available to answer any questions regarding the committee at (303) 866-3446 or [dan.graeve@coleg.gov](mailto:dan.graeve@coleg.gov).

***Committee updates.*** Interested persons can sign up on Twitter and follow the House Business Affairs & Labor Committee to receive periodic updates on the committee's schedule and the status of bills in the committee. Follow the House Business Affairs & Labor here: @COLCSCcommittees using #COHouBusiness.